

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Initially, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 21, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and provide Applicant with an Examiner-initialed Form PTO-1449 indicating the same.

During telephone conversations with Examiner Merek on October 28, 2004, in November 2004, December 2004, and again on January 6, 2005, Examiner Merek indicated that: claims 52, 83-85, 88, 90, 92 and 118-124 would be allowed in their current form; claims 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 57 and 91 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; claims 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 111 and 117 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form while at the same time resolving the new matter rejection of claim 94; and claims 39-45, 48, 50, 54-56, 77-79, 86, 89, 94-100, 103, 105, 108-110 and 112-116 would not be allowed.

Accordingly, by the current Amendment: the specification has been amended at the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 20 and ending at page 33, line 17 by deleting therefrom the language that the Examiner has found to constitute new matter; allowable claims 46, 49, 51, 53, 57 and 91 have been rewritten in independent form; claims 39-45, 48, 50, 54-56, 77-79, 86, 89 and 94-117 have been cancelled; and claims 125-131 have been added. Please note that new claims 125-131 correspond to allowable claims 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 111 and 117, respectively, after claim 94 has been amended to address the new matter issue thereof. In this regard, each of these new claims recites

... wherein softening to flow up to an edge of said electronic component, and then hardening, with heat, said thermosetting resin, while achieving mutual pressing between said electronic component and said circuit board, comprises using a heated bonding tool to perform the mutual pressing.

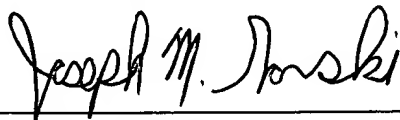
Because the new matter rejection of claim 94 has been resolved, and because the only claims that remain are claims that have been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed

claims being 46, 47, 49, 51-53, 57, 83-85, 88, 90-92, and 118-131, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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